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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF BULGARIAN AND HUNGARIAN CONSULS GENERAL
IN WEST BERLIN

REF: BONN 2755

1. WHILE ACCREDITATION IS NORMALLY GRANTED CONSULS
GENERAL IN WEST BERLIN WITHOUT PRIOR BACKGROUND INVESTI-
GATION, RECENT BULGARIAN AND HUNGARIAN REQUESTS (REFTEL)
FALL INTO SPECIAL CATEGORY AS FIRST REGULAR APPLICATIONS
FOR SUCH ACCREDITATION FROM EAST EUROPEAN STATES (OTHER
THAN SOVIETS FOR WHOM SPECIAL PRECEDURES APPLY).
MISSION BELIEVES THAT AT LEAST PROSPECTIVE CONSULS
GENERAL SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO NAME CHECK. NOTES
AWAITING REPLY OF ALLIED COMMANDANTS REQUEST
MARCH 1 AS EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPOINTMENT. ACCORDINGLY,
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EARLY REPLY, BY END OF WEEK IF POSSIBLE, WOULD BE

APPRECIATED.

2. BULGARIAN NOMINEE IS HRISTO STOEV, BORN MARCH 28, 1920 (PLACE OF BIRTH NOT GIVEN). AFTER PURSUING MEDICAL STUDIES IN YUGOSLAVIA, SLOVAKIA, AND BULGARIA IN 1939-1946, STOEV ENTERED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN 1947. HIS APPOINTMENTS SINCE THEN HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS: 1947-1950, THIRD SECRETARY AT BULGARIAN EMBASSY BUDAPEST; 1951-1953, SECOND SECRETARY AT BULGARIAN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN; 1954-1955, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; 1956-1960, SECOND SECRETARY AT BULGARIAN EMBASSY VIENNA; 1964-1969, FIRST SECRETARY AND COUNSELLOR AT BULGARIAN EMBASSY VIENNA, CONCURRENTLY DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO IAEA; 1970-JAN 1973, COUNSELOR AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; JAN 1973 TO PRESENT, MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY. STOEV IS MARRIED, WITH TWO CHILDREN; WIFE IS MEDICAL DOCTOR, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY CLINIC IN SOFIA.

3. HUNGARIAN NOMINEE IS LASZLO SURANYI, BORN JANUARY 24, 1915, IN DEHRECEN, HUNGARY. HE WAS EDUCATED AT TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE AND IS TEACHER BY PROFESSION. 1945-1947 SURANYI WAS OFFICIAL OF CITY COUNCIL OF BUDAPEST, AND AFTERWARDS GENERAL SECRETARY OF HUNGARIAN PIONEERS ASSOCIATION. HE ENTERED DIPLOMATIC SERVICE 1959, AND WAS COUNSELOR AT HUNGARIAN EMBASSY VIENNA 1965-1970. AT PRESENT HE IS HEAD OF TERRITORIAL DEPT NO. 6 IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SURANYI IS MARRIED, WITH FOUR CHILDREN.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE WITHOUTY IMPOSING DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT TO SCREEN OTHER APPOINTEES, WHO NORMALLY COME TO OUR ATTENTION ONLY AFTER THEY HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED IN BERLIN. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, WE CAN CROSS THIS BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT, E.G., SHOULD NUMBERS TURN OUT TO BE EXCESSIVELY LARGE, OR SHOULD A PARTICULARLY UNDESIRABLE OFFICER BE ASSIGNED.KLEIN

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